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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REPORTING ON THE MAY 15 - 20 NON-
ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU (NACB) MEETING IN HAVANA

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1. JORDANIAN MINISTER OF INFORMATION ADNAN ABU ODEH, WHO ATTENDED
MEETING IN HAVANA OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATING COUNCIL OF
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NON-ALIGNED NEWS AGENCIES POOL APRIL 17 - 21 HAS OFFERED EMBASSY
FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH PERTAIN TO QUESTIONS ASKED IN REFERENCE.

2. ABU ODEH THINKS THAT CUBAN PRESIDENCY OF NAM IS LIKELY TO
POLARIZE THE BODY BETWEEN THE "NON-ALIGNED" AND THE "INTERVENTION-
ISTS" WITH CUBA PROMOTING THE LATTER LINE. CUBANS TOLD VARIOUS
DELEGATES AT LAST HAVANA NEWS AGENCY MEETING THAT THEIR NATIONAL

OBJECTIVE IS TO OPPOSE "U.S. IMPERIALISM" WHEREVER IT EXISTS IN THE WORLD; WHETHER THEY DESIRE OR ARE ABLE TO PROJECT THIS VIEW ON NAM WE ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER.

3. ON THE OTHER HAND, CUBANS WERE QUITE DEFENSIVE, ABU ODEH SAID, ABOUT POSSIBLE CRITICISMS OF THEIR INTERVENTIONIST POSITION AT RECENT HAVANA MEETING. ZAIRE, FOR INSTANCE, SHOWED INCLINATION TO ATTACK CUBAN POLICY, ALTHOUGH CUBANS APPARENTLY MANAGED TO AVOID CRITICISM AT FORMAL SESSIONS. ABU ODEH SAID MERE FACT THAT HE INFORMALLY ASKED QUESTION IN CORRIDORS REGARDING JUSTIFICATION FOR CUBAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA, ABU ODEH SAID, CAUSED CUBANS TO CANCEL A SESSION OF MEETING THE FOLLOWING DAY IN ORDER TO AVOID HAVING PUBLIC AIRING OF THIS QUESTION.

4. ABU ODEH THINKS THERE IS NOW SERIOUS QUESTION WHETHER HAVANA WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO MANY NAM MEMBERS FOR COMING NAM CONFERENCE BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION OF MODERATE NAM MEMBERS CONCERNING CUBAN POLICY. THIS ISSUE EVEN MORE PRONOUNCED IN LIGHT OF RECENT CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN INVASION OF ZAIRE. HE SAID HEAVY POLICE STATE ATMOSPHERE SURROUNDING HAVANA PRESS MEETING WAS ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON CONVEREES.

5. COMMENT: JORDANIAN ATTITUDES AND ABOVE REMARKS UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECT MODERATE AND GENERALLY PRO-WESTERN VIEWS AND ON JORDANIAN CONTACTS WITH SIMILAR NAM VIEWPOINTS. THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH CONFIDENTIAL

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ABU ODEH IS HOWEVER A PERCEPTIVE OBSERVER AND ANALYST, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT HIS PREDICITIONS ARE WELL-FOUNDED.
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